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1. SRI LANKA HIGH COMMISSIONER K.L. ALAGIYAWANNA
TELEPHONED ME JAN 28 TO ASK IF MR. AND MRS. JANAR
PHANAN FROM "SOUTH INDIA" HAD COME TO SEE ME. WHEN
I ANSWERED IN THE NEGATIVE, HE SAID THAT THEY WERE
IN KUALA LUMPUR, STAYING WITH A LABOR LEADER NAMED
DAVID, AND SOLICITING SUPPORT FOR "SAME MOVEMENT"
(TAMIL SEPARATIST MOVEMENT) HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH ME
LAST SUMMER. (SEE 75 KUALA LUMPUR 3604 AND PREVIOUS.)
HE ASKED THAT I LET HIM KNOW IF PHANAN SHOWED UP AT
OUR EMBASSY. I EVADED COMMITTING MYSELF TO INFORMING
HIM BY SIMPLY SAYING THAT I WOULD MAKE SURE I WAS
INFORMED IMMEDIATELY IF JANAR PHANAN OR HIS WIFE
ATTEMPTED TO CONTACT ANYONE AT EMBASSY.

2. COMMENT: "DAVID" IS PROBABLY V. DAVID, GENERAL
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SECRETARY OF THE TRANSPORT WORKERS UNION, WHO LIVES

IN KLANG, KUALA LUMPUR'S SEA PORT. DAVID, WHO GOT HIS B.A. FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE, IS AN IMPORTANT LEFT-WING FIGURE IN THE LOCAL LABOR SCENE AND EXTREMELY ACTIVE IN ANY NUMBER OF CAUSES INCLUDING THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR TAMIL EDUCATION. HE WAS ONE OF THE PEKEMAS (SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTY) PARLIAMENTARIANS WHO WERE NOT RETURNED IN THE AUGUST 1974 GENERAL ELECTIONS, AND IS ALSO SECRETARY OF THE MALAYSIAN AFRO-ASIAN PEOPLE'S SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION (AAPSO) BRANCH AND ASSOCIATE OF RUSSIAN DIPLOMATS HERE.
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